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Date July 24, 1938

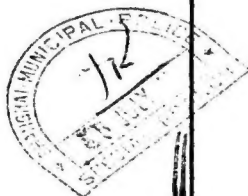
Subject Assistance to Japanese Military Police.

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C. Crawford W.S.

At 10.40 a.m. 23.7.38, Sergeant Major Katohda, Mr. Sera and Mr. Okazaki of the Japanese Military Police Headquarters, Bridge House, came to Special Branch, Headquarters, with an envelope bearing the following address:- "War of Resistance Intelligence Office (抗戰情報社), Room 510 Continental Building, Nanking Road, which had been seized by the Japanese Censorship Bureau in the General Post Office, North Szechuen Road on 22.7.38. The contents of the letter was neither produced nor divulged by the Military Police. At the request of the Japanese Military Police, assistance was rendered by members of the Special Branch together with D.S.I. Tuck and C.D.S. 12 attached to Central to search Room 510 aforesaid. A Chinese song book entitled "Ta Tsoong Koo Sung" (songs of the public), containing songs of an anti-Japanese nature was all that was found. This book was seized and detained at Special Branch, Headquarters. The room in question was rented by one Koo Shih Tzi (顧復之) age about 30, Soochow, formerly employed in the Continental Bank, but at present employed in the Japanese sponsored Kiangsu Provincial District Bank at Soochow. Koo Shih Tzi together with his wife Zung Ku Ying (陳冠英), left Shanghai for Soochow early on the morning of 23.7.38. One Zung Cheu Tzi (陳久之) alias Zung Tso Wen (陳祖恒) brother of Zung Ku Ying, who was found in the room, was, at the request of the Japanese, brought to Central Station for interrogation regarding the aforesaid "War of Resistance Intelligence Office" but denied all knowledge of same. The Japanese Military Police did not return to Central



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Station but mentioned to D.S. Kamashita that they had no objection to Zung Cheu Tzi being released, should no information be forthcoming. He was accordingly released at 12.40 p.m., 23.7.38 upon a guarantee being furnished by his brother Zung Yang Yui (陳養餘), 11 Cheng Tuh Li, off Chekiang Road, employed as an accountant by the Dah Tung Flour Company.

Two passes issued by the Japanese Special Service Corps in favour of Zung Zee Sz (陳徐氏) and Woo Sz Fong (吳樹芳), mother and consin respectively of Zung Cheu Tzi, aforesaid, permitting them to travel to Soochow as well as two name cards bearing the name of Zia Tien Woo (謝天和) were brought to Central Station but were later returned to Zung Cheu Tzi.

It would appear that the letter seized by the Japanese was posted by some person who knew that Koo Shih Tzi had taken up a position with a Japanese sponsored Bank, with the intention to have him suspected by the Japanese, as it seems highly improbable that an organ like "War of Resistance Intelligence Office" would openly use such an address.

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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc. No. 745/38.

"A" Division.
Central Police Station.
July 23rd, 1938.

Diary Number:— 1.

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day

Places visited in course of investigation each day

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Assistance to the Japanese Military Police Headquarters of Bridge House, Szechuen Road.

At 10.40a.m. 23-7-38, C.D.S. 12 and the undersigned were detailed by D.I. Telfer, Senior Detective Central Station, to accompany D.S.I. Logan of S.M.P. Special Branch and a party of Japanese Military Police to an address where they required to search certain premises.

C.D.S. 12 and the undersigned attended and learned that during the 22-7-38 members of the General Post Office Censorship Bureau had obtained a Chinese letter addressed to "The War of Resistance Office, Room No. 510 of the Continental Emporium Building, Nanking Road", therefore at 10a.m. 23-7-38, Sergt Major Katohda of the Japanese Military Police Headquarters Bridge House accompanied by Mr. Sara and Mr. Oyaki proceeded to the Special Branch S.M.P. Headquarters, in possession of an envelope bearing the above address and requested assistance to raid the place concerned and search the premises.

The assistance being rendered a male Chinese who supplied his particulars as follows:-

Sung Chau Tze (宋久次) alias Sung Tze Wo (宋祖和) 21, Soochow, S/Student.

was requested to be brought to the Station for further enquiries.

One Anti-Japanese song book and two namecards being seized.

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Division.

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

The above male when questioned denied any knowledge or connection with any activities of an Anti-Japanese nature, but explained that his brother-in-law named Koo Shih Tsze (胡士则), 30, Soochow, formerly a clerk employed in the Continental Bank, Nanking Road, until the end of May or commenced June 1938 and had resided together with his wife and family inside Room No. 510 of the Continental Emporium Building, Nanking Road, had together with his family left Shanghai today (23-7-38) to proceed to Soochow to take up an employment with the Kiangsu Provisional District Bank, Soochow, this bank being sponsored by the Japanese Military Authorities. It therefore appears that the letter was addressed to Room No. 501 by possibly some person of pro-Chinese Nationalist Government sympathies due to the brother-in-law having obtained employment in the above capacity.

The contents of the letter seized by the Censorship Bureau was not disclosed, nor did the members of the Japanese Military Headquarters return to this Station after searching the room concerned, they only requesting that the apprehended male be questioned regarding the letter and if any information likely to be of use to the persons concerned was obtained same was to be communicated to them, and if nothing of use was obtained the apprehended male was to be released.

The apprehended male denying all knowledge of the

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letter and what it implied, instructions were received from D.I. Crawford Special Branch, to the effect that a reliable person be located who could guarantee this person's responsibility and appearance at this Station if again required.

In view of the above, the apprehended male's brother named **Sung Yang Yue** (陳善餘) who is employed as an accountant at the **Tah Tung (大同) Flour Co. No. 11 Chang Tah Li, Chekiang Road**, was located and attended this Station where he expressed willingness to act as guarantor for the apprehended male.

The male concerned was therefore released from custody at 12.40p.m. 27-7-38, the seized book and two namecards being removed by D.S.I. Logan to the Special Branch offices for examination.

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Sen. Det. 1/c.

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D. S. I.
C.D.S. 12.

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